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### BOSTON FISH PIER LANDINGS FOR OCTOBER 1940

As the result of 689 trips to inshore and offshore banks, 23.7 million pounds of fish were landed during October at the Boston Fish Pier and sold through the New England Fish Exchange at an average price of \$3.62 per hundred pounds.

These figures show a slight increase of half a million pounds in volume, and 7 cents per hundred weight in value, over the previous month, according to the monthly summary report released today by the Boston Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

When compared with the total catch of 21.4 million pounds for the corresponding period of 1939, the figures for October 1940 show an increase of 2.3 million pounds in volume. The average for October last year--\$3.34 per hundred pounds--as against the current \$3.62 average, indicates an increase of \$0.28 for this year. The average price of \$3.43 for the first ten months of 1940 is \$0.69, or 25 percent, higher than for the comparable period of 1939.

The October catch was worth about \$858,000 to the fishermen, while during the same period in 1939, the catch was worth \$143,000 less, however, or about \$715,000.

In 317 trips, offshore vessels brought in 20.6 million pounds of the total, spread among 18 classifications, at an average price of \$3.69 per hundred weight. Inshore craft, in 372 trips, landed about 3.1 million pounds, consisting of 17 classifications, bringing \$3.12 for an average.

From offshore vessels, haddock (4.8 million pounds at \$4.68 per hundred weight); market cod (4.2 million pounds at \$3.26); haddock scrod (2.4 million pounds at \$3.58); mackerel (2.1 million pounds at \$2.16); rosefish (2.0 million pounds at \$1.85); and large cod (1.9 million pounds at \$4.27), were the most abundant species during October.

The month's highest average price was brought by sea scallops at \$17.76; halibut at \$16.38 was second, and lemon sole, at \$10.13, was third.

Inshore craft landed 832,000 pounds of whiting (at \$1.65 per hundred pounds) in greatest quantity. Rosefish (417,000 pounds, at \$1.90); haddock (413,000 pounds, at \$6.06); yellowtails (314,000 pounds, at \$1.92); hake (274,000 pounds, at \$4.15); and pollock (268,000 pounds, at \$2.63), followed.

Peak of vessel traffic into Boston occurred on Wednesday, October 30, when 30 vessels landed with 1.7 million pounds of fish; the highest average price was paid on Thursday, October 24, when only 388,000 pounds landed sold at \$5.7 per hundred weight.

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